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TABLE 5

BLAST Results for Sequences Encoding Polypeptides

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			BLAST pLog
			Score
Clone	Status	SEQ ID NO:	1773295
rr1.pk0001.a11:cgs	CGS	16	100.00

Table 6 on page 22:

TABLE 6

Percent Identity of Amino Acid Sequences Deduced From the Nucleotide Sequences of cDNA Clones Encoding Polypeptides Homologous to NPR1

The state of the s	Percent Identity to		
Clone	SEQ ID NO:	1773295	
cdt1c.pk001.l6	2	45.8	
rr1.pk0001.a11	4	47.6	
wre1n.pk0122.c2	6	40.0	
p0006.cbyvc82rx	8	40.3	
rl0n.pk0063.d10:fis	10	42.1	
rr1.pk0001.a11:fis	12	39.1	
wre1n.pk0122.c2:fis	14	33.7	
rr1.pk0001.al1:cgs	16	34.1	

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7-23 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 1, 5-6, and 24-25 as follows (a marked-up version showing changes made is attached hereto):

- 1. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising:
- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having NPR1 activity, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of at least 80% sequence identity based on the Clustal method of alignment when compared to a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:4, 12, and 16, or

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